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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability mailed March 8, 2004. The Examiner notes that Paper 7 states objections to the drawings by the draftsman. In particular, Paper 7 states that Figures 2A-3D, 5, 7A-9D have been objected to as poor quality (half tone). Figures 1A-6 have been objected to as having poor line quality and for having number and reference characters that are not plain and legible.

Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings for Figures 1A-9D (Sheets 1-13). Applicant believes that the replacement sheets comply with the Rules and obviate the objections to the drawings. In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a second Notice of Allowance indicating that the drawings are acceptable. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the drawings, or any other matter, applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 212-408-2502.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is required in connection with the submission of this document. However, should any fee be required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit or any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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